

California Community Land Trusts: Statement of Solidarity with Black Lives

As Community Land Trusts (CLTs) throughout California, we join our voices with those of protesters and demonstrations across the state and country demanding justice for George Floyd, Tony McDade, Breonna Taylor and countless other Black individuals murdered by police. We strongly support the calls to defund police across the country, and to fund community-centered and community-led public investment in Black communities. Decades of escalating police budgets consume 40% or more of many municipal budgets, only to deliver violence, leaving nothing for investments in true public safety - health, housing and education. This must change. [You can read more about the demands to invest and divest here.](#)

We are a diverse group of organizations that span California from Humboldt in the north to San Diego in the south, with dozens of cities and counties in between, and we share a common mission of achieving racial justice and social justice. Community Land Trusts are developing strategies around community land stewardship, building leadership from our communities to address the needs of low-income neighborhoods, the shared crisis of affordability, and advancing a more equitable model of access to housing.









As CLTs across California, we are working locally and at the statewide level to address the impacts of COVID-19 and systemic disinvestment in our communities, Police violence weighs heavily against the wellbeing of our residents and communities. WE CANNOT STAND IN SILENCE. We understand our work towards community ownership is not enough when countless Black Brothers and Sisters are killed, beaten, and harassed, in their own homes, streets, and communities. Their suffering hurts all of us.

Our fight for community ownership is not siloed from the fight towards racial justice and reparations. The history of Community Land Trusts stems from the Civil Rights struggle, and a Black-led movement to house Black farmers being forced from their land. Last year in Georgia, the [New Communities Land Trust](#) celebrated its 50-year anniversary, holding 6,000 acres of farmland, which is collectively stewarded by Black farmers. As we join to celebrate Juneteenth this month, we also commit to being more active and action-driven in our struggle for racial justice & equity, inclusivity, against anti-blackness and racism. We are committed to advancing justice for Black people, supporting the development of Black-led CLTs and land stewardship initiatives in Black communities, and we will continue to speak up and be active co-conspirators to advance the Black Lives Matters movement.

In solidarity,

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